

27 February 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: OPC Evaluation of OSS Archives

1. In accord with our conversation of some months ago, we invited [REDACTED] Professor of History, at the [REDACTED] to come to Washington and consult with us regarding the possible value of materials contained in the OSS Archives, for utilization by OPC in connection with our plans and undertakings and to recommend means for review and evaluation of the data found in the Archives.

2. [REDACTED] was a particularly apt choice, I think, because he has had much experience in such research writing and during the war served as one of the Chief Historians in the AAF Headquarters. In such a capacity, he reviewed all operational communications from the various theaters of war and was familiar with terminology, cableage, etc. This experience facilitated greatly his review of OSS Archives. Unfortunately, his duties as Professor of History and [REDACTED] completely preclude any participation on his part in a program that might be established by OPC.

3. Attached hereto is the memorandum which he prepared for me, after having examined materials for approximately two days and a half.

4. It is gratifying to find that he considers entirely feasible the preparation of monographs on functional programs of the OSS. These monographs would be designed to point up experiences, mistakes, strong points, etc. of OSS plans and operations in specific substantive fields.

5. It is my recommendation that we establish such a program at the earliest moment in order to avail ourselves of all experiences from the past. Toward that end, I recommend that we first select a competent historian with the required experience and background and ask him to formulate plans including recommendations for a T/O and modus operandi.

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